Punishments.

88. Five persons were sentenced to death by the Sessions Judges during the year. Thirteen persons were sentenced to transportation for life. Out of 5,173 persons sentenced to undergo imprisonment, 4,535 were sentenced to imprisonment for six months and under and the remaining 638 for longer periods.

89. The number of persons fined was 43,362 (34,050). The total amount of fines imposed and realised was Rs. 6,22,153 and Rs. 5,28,246 respectively. The amount of compensation paid was Rs. 2,356 (Rs. 1,126).

(vii) Civil Justice.

90. The number of Civil Courts in the State other than Village Courts was 44, the same as in the previous year.

91. The total number of both original and small cause suits instituted during the year was 25,352 (excluding refiled and remanded suits) against 19,351 in the previous year. The number of original suits instituted in the District Courts was 258 (207). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, it was 747 (500), in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 15,881 against (11,940). On the Small Cause side, the number instituted in the District Court, Civil Station, Bangalore, was 411, (389). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, it was 4,596 (3,413) and in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 3,459 (2,906).

Miscellaneous Cases.

92. The total number of miscellaneous cases filed was 6,475 (5,252) and the number disposed of was 6,212 (4,996). The number of cases left pending was 3,038 (2,775).

93. The number of regular appeals filed during the year was 2,753 (2,386) and the number disposed of was 1,833, (1,511). The number of cases transferred to other courts for disposal was 832 (742). The average duration of appeals disposed of was 254·91 days against 263·49 days during 1949-50. Of the 528 miscellaneous appeals, 350 were disposed of leaving 178 (136) pending at the end of the year. The average duration of appeals disposed of was 126·7.

High Court.

94. The number of first appeals filed during the year was 312 (186). Including 358 appeals pending from the previous year, there were for disposal 670 appeals. The number disposed of was 169 (141). The number of second

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appeals filed was 611 (528). The total number of second appeals for disposal was 1,534 (1,358), of which 509 (385) were disposed of. The number of Miscellaneous appeals for disposal was 169 of which 12 (66) were disposed of, leaving 48 pending at the end of the year.

95. There were 325 Civil Revision petitions pending at the beginning of the year. Five hundred and twenty-one Civil Revision Petitions were filed, 670 (428) were disposed of leaving 176 (325) pending at the end of the year.

Insolvency Proceedings.

96. The number of insolvency applications for disposal during the year was 184 (174). The number disposed of was 105 (104), leaving a pendency of 79 (70) at the end of the year. The amount realised was Rs. 10,222 (19,830), and the amount distributed to the creditors was Rs. 6,371 (Rs. 19,970).

Execution of Decrees.

97. The total number of execution applications filed was 26,842 (21,870). The total number disposed of was 26,181 (21,492), leaving a pendency of 10,906 (10,245) at the end of the year. The number of cases pending over a year was 541 (408). The total amount realised in the execution of decrees was Rs. 26,25,984 (19,80,063).

Legal Practitioners.

98. The number of advocates enrolled during the year was 48 (27). At the end of the year, the number on the roll was 941, of whom 12 were from Madras Presidency and one from Bombay Presidency. The total number of pleaders on the last day of the year was 1,056 (1,008), including those who had yet to renew their certificates. The number of pleaders newly enrolled was 48 and 12 pleaders were enrolled as advocates.

Finance.

99. The total receipts and expenditure of the Courts for the year, including the High Court amounted to Rs. 18,24,239 (Rs. 14,47,125) and Rs. 16,56,295 (Rs. 11,88,111) respectively.

(viii) Prisons.

100. The Central Jail at Bangalore and the Jail at Mysore worked satisfactorily.

101. At the beginning of the year, there remained in jails 954 prisoners of all classes. Four thousand seven hundred and ninety-two prisoners were newly admitted, 4,811 were discharged from all classes and 935 remained at